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The University of Alabama awarded some 1,200 degrees at fall commencement exercises on the Tuscaloosa campus. UA holds commencement three times a year. Recent degree recipients include: Julie Laree Davis, Elba; William Lee Carter, Joseph Brian Edgeworth, Donna Sisley Miller and Granison McCaskey, all of Enterprise.

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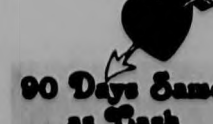
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THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL declared February 19th as Ronald McKinnon Day in Elba. The professional football player will be talking to several groups in the Elba schools on that day. The council authorized Mayor James Grimes to issue a proclamation honoring the Elba High School graduate.

In other business the council accepted bids on re-roofing the city hall and front part of the recreation building; voted to borrow money to renovate the old jail; got a report from the police department and officially approved annual insurance premiums and completed several housekeeping chores.

Two firms bid on re-roofing the city hall and recreation building. ESMAC, of Enterprise, was low bidder. They bid \$13,533 on the recreation building and \$17,991 on the city hall. The council voted to award the contract to ESMAC.

Mayor Grimes reported on the status of renovating the old Coffee County jail. He said the Chamber of Commerce estimates it will cost \$100,000 to complete the project and they have \$18,000 on hand. The city has been asked to borrow \$60,000 to do the work, because they can get a lower interest rate. If the Chamber and the Economic Development office have not raised the necessary money by the time the project is completed, they will pay the city enough rent to pay off the loan. Grimes recommended the loan. It was approved with two no votes. Council members Ben Carpenter, Michael Carroll, Derrick Cook, Stacy Costner, Blake Drewery, Matthew Fales, Ashley Flowers, J.C. Griffin, Tila Hogan, Andrea Holloway, Brandi Howard, Joshua Howell, Whitney Mack, Hilary Mock, John Sawyer, Brad Sewell, Robert Spencer, Lindsey Tillery, Justin West, Delores Williams, Mark Windham.

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FEB. 19 DECLARED RONALD MCKINNON DAY

Elba City Council meeting routine

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monthly bills totaling \$16,391.70 were approved for payment. They included \$3,734.32 for vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance; \$380.85 for chemicals; \$466.05 for asphalt mix and \$632.22 for advertising. Upon approving payment of the bills, council members were heard muttering relief that bills are finally getting back down to normal levels following the March, 1998 flood.

Grimes reported that the annual audit is completed and there were no problems reported. "Our financial condition is as good as it can be at this time," the mayor said. The only debt increase was the \$190,000 for the purchase of the new fire truck.

Council members were told that the roof of the old high school gym was inspected by a roofing firm and they declined to give a bid on repairs. The report was that decking needed replacing and that in some areas the trusses were also rotting, making the repairs a major project. The council instructed the mayor to have the facility inspected from a human safety aspect.

A report to the council on renewing the liability insurance showed that placing the policy with Reliance would save the city money. The new annual premium is \$73,400, which is less than the cost last year and the old firm was going to increase the cost upon renewal. Grimes said they may lower the premium even more when a determination is made on ownership of the rescue squad vehicles.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members of the pending need to hire, and train, additional radio operators before the county-wide use of 1991 begins in July. The new emergency system will require that two operators be on duty at all times, except during the early morning hours before daylight.

The chief also gave council members a summary sheet on the department's monthly activity. It showed the patrol cars traveled 20,847 miles during the month; they investigated five accidents, made 45 traffic arrests and 33 criminal arrests. The officers assisted 18 drivers, issued 67 warnings and arrested four for DUI. A total of 66 incident reports were prepared by officers. There were also two drug arrests during the month of January. The department received 815 calls for service.

The council approved several resolutions concerning ongoing sewer grant applications, FEMA disaster recovery funds, and heard that the new garbage pick-up is beginning to smooth out in most areas. The FEMA funds will be used to repair the Mulberry Park be repaired as the facility is being used by ball teams.

Talls named Coffee County's EMA new deputy director

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency Director Charles Webb announced that a deputy director has been hired by the Emergency Management Board. The department has been without a fulltime deputy director for the past three months.

John Tallas was introduced to the county commission in Monday's meeting. He will be filling the vacancy created when Deputy Director Terry Wilkins resigned to accept a position at Ft. Rucker. Webb commented that Tallas was selected from among 21 excellent applicants for the position.

"Mr. Tallas and his wife Kathie are residents of Coffee County and have been for 14 years," said Webb. "They have three children and three grandchildren, all residing in other parts of the county."

The new deputy director is a retired Army officer and brings to the agency a wealth of experience gained through a successful military career, as well as several years in executive level positions in civilian industry.

Tallas' military career included two tours of duty in combat. Webb commented, "That experience will serve him well here as we frequently do battle with severe weather and technological hazards."

"He has expressed a sincere desire to enter public service, and the people of Coffee County are fortunate to have a person with his education, background, experience and proven record of success, in this vital position," said Webb.

"I appreciate the opportunity afforded me by Coffee County and look forward to working with the public officials and the citizens of the county," said Tallas.

The major task before Webb and Tallas is the completion of the work necessary to implement E-911 in all of Coffee County.



JOHN TALLAS

Area Happenings

RECOVERY CENTER CLOSING The Wiregrass Interfaith Disaster Recovery Center has closed its office at the Elba Recreation Center on North Clayton Ave. Applications for any unmet needs related to the March 1998 flood can still be made until February 15, 1999. Call 897-8368 or 897-6015 to make an appointment.

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL The first ever old time County Fair and Sausage Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park located just west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166. Watch for more details in *The Elba Clipper* as plans for the event are developed.

WINTER CARNIVAL The New Brockton Elementary School PTO announces its annual Winter Carnival and extends an invitation to everyone in the community and neighboring communities to attend. The Carnival will be held Friday, February 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center located in New Brockton on U. S. Highway 84.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' The smash hit review featuring the music of jazz great Fats Waller, comes to Elba High School auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:45 p.m. This special performance by Stage Centre Company of Tuscaloosa is made possible by the National Security Group of Elba. The evening's entertainment will also include The Rainer Twins, concert piano-duetists from Opp. For free tickets, call 334-897-2273 (x 204) or 1-800-239-2358 from outside Coffee County.



ONE-VEHICLE CRASH KILLS ONE... A one-car crash east of Elba, inside the city limits, on U.S. Highway 84 took the life of Robert Rufus "Rudy" Mann, 53, of Elba, AL. The accident occurred shortly before 4:00 p.m. last Friday afternoon. Police officers responding to the report that a car had left the road near the old Bradshaw Store discovered a late model Oldsmobile off the roadway down in a ravine with one occupant. Fire and rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene. After the car, which was resting on its side in a dangerous position, was secured, rescue workers removed Mann from the vehicle and transported him to Elba General Hospital. Mann died a short time later of injuries sustained in the accident. An autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death. The accident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Coroner Marvin McIlwain assisted by the District Attorney's Office and Alabama Department of Forensic Science.

REVENUE COMMISSION NOT HAPPY WITH VAULT

Commission backs up on sheriff's patrol car

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting was a little late in getting started Monday and it was probably due to a cake that had been provided to go along with the morning coffee - everybody had to try it.

One of the first items of business addressed was the purchase of a new car for the sheriff's department. In the last commission meeting, approval was given to purchase a reconditioned patrol car from Pursuit Unlimited providing a settlement could be reached on the last vehicle purchased from the firm.

County Attorney Kenneth Fuller told commissioners that he had spoken to the president of the company and he had agreed to give the county a \$1,500 credit on the 1995 vehicle that was sold to the county instead of a 1996 as had been specified.

Fuller commented that according to the NADA book value the difference between a 1995 and 1996 Crown Victoria Ford is \$3,100.00.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Len Averett made a motion seconded by Commissioner Chairman Kayo Lewis to rescind the motion made in the last meeting to

purchase a reconditioned patrol car from Pursuit Unlimited. The motion passed unanimously.

Then, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion seconded by Commissioner Linda Westbrook to reject the \$1,500 offer made by Pursuit Unlimited and instruct the county attorney to attempt to negotiate a higher settlement in the previous car deal.

With the matter of the sheriff needing a patrol car to replace the wrecked one again pending, the commission entered into a discussion as to what action to take.

Commissioner Robert Stephens proposed that the commission authorize the purchase of a new Ford Crown Victoria with the "police package" - heavy duty suspension, electrical and cooling systems, and additional body reinforcement. The cost of this vehicle on state bid is \$19,600.

Sheriff Moates stated that it will take an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 (estimated) to install the emergency equipment (lights, radio cage, etc.) on and in the patrol car.

The commission voted unanimously to purchase the new car noting that this will actually be moving up the purchase of a new car that

Courthouse architect respond to Revenue Commissioner's complaint

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Joe Donofrio, architect for the new Coffee County courthouse in Enterprise, addressed the Enterprise Rotary Club at noon Tuesday and responded to questions concerning the vault in the Revenue Commissioner's office.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns had appeared before the County Commission on Monday complaining about the construction of the vault in his office.

Donofrio pointed to an oversize drawing on display and told the group the vault walls were of concrete block and filled with concrete, giving a "2 hour" fire protection. The window in question is 1 1/2 stories off the ground and has a welded "chain link fence" cover made of 1/2" steel bars on the inside. The doors on both the vault and storage room are steel doors with double locks. They have a 1 1/2 hour fire rating. The building is continuously monitored by 14 surveillance cameras, according to the architect. He estimated it would take up to two hours for someone to break into the vault from any direction and that is ample time for security forces to arrest the villains.

Donofrio said the only sheet rock wall in the vault is a divider between the vault and equally secure storage area and is there by design. Future growth needs may be for either a larger vault or a larger storage area and this type wall can be moved much easier than a block wall and does not compromise the security of the locked areas.

w/combination lock, and no windows," said Burns.

After hearing Burns' problem, the commission suggested that he address it to the Coffee County Public Authority whose responsibility it is to oversee the construction of the facility.

County Administrator Mobley requested that two resolutions be passed by the commission. One authorizes the chairman to sign all documentation concerning the Hazardous Mitigation Relocation Grant and the other guarantees that the county will supply matching funds for the grant in the amount of \$29,597.00. Both were approved by the commissioners.

EMA Director Charles Webb asked for and received the endorsement of the commission of the proclamation signed by Gov. Don Siegelman proclaiming the week of February 22 thru 26, 1999 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama.

Webb noted that we are approaching the tornado season (March, April and May) and Coffee County ranks 8 or 9 in the state in the number of recorded tornado touchdowns. Last year, Alabama had 50 tornadoes that killed 34 individuals.

The director urged the news "I would like to go on record as disagreeing vehemently with the fact that we do not have a vault (fireproof room, metal vault door

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

A lottery in Alabama continues to be a main topic of discussion. Since the election of Governor Don Siegelman on a platform of a lottery for education, the speculation and predictions have come from every corner. The idea was endorsed last week by the State Superintendent of Education. However, passage and the ultimate vote by the Alabama voters is not a sure thing. Results of a Christian Coalition survey of Alabama State Senators show 19 flat opposed to the lottery, another reportedly has said he would vote against it and 13 others just didn't respond to the survey. The opposed includes Senator Jimmy Holley of Elba (District 31). Also opposing the lottery, according to Christian Coalition, are Wendell Mitchell of District 30, Harri Anne Smith, District 29 (Geneva County) is opposed but advocates letting the people vote on the issue.

A number of Elba homeowners are awaiting their expected "buy-out" money as promised by FEMA following the March 1998 flood. A telephone call on Monday of this week didn't find any checks, but we did find the paperwork sitting in an Atlanta FEMA office. The official response was that the woman was hoping to get the Elba paperwork reviewed this week. Then it must go for an environmental review and back to this desk where it has been since last fall. (Apparently we should be happy to be exempt from a cost-benefit study because these are floodway homes.) At that time a request will be made for the federal funds to complete this phase of the buy-out. The lady would give no exact timetable for actually buying these homes, but said it should be "soon." As one homeowner said last Friday, "It is almost March again and we are worried about fighting another flood." We reminded our FEMA official twice that her boss had promised a 30-day turnaround on the buy-out, but it didn't shake her resolve at all.

On a roll Monday morning, we also checked with our Washington contact about additional funding for the levee upgrade project the Corp. of Engineers is preparing. There is still a need for millions more to complete this work. Our Congressional delegation is committed to helping get the needed funds, but we have got to keep reminding them of our needs and expectations. Our avid supporter suggested several things Elba could do to help get the extra funds and that is underway as we speak. Feeling good, we added the frustrations of our homeowners mentioned above and got sympathy and a request to fax a report on this problem to our Congressional delegation. Again, that is being done this week.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 1, 1999, investigated the following incidents: ten harassments, one burglary, six assaults, three thefts of property, one DUI, two criminal mischiefs, one reckless endangerment, one filing of a false report, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one illegal use of a credit card, one fugitive from justice, one harassing communication, and two criminal trespasses.

The following arrests were made during the week: two for harassment, two for assault, one for negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument, two for disorderly conduct, one for criminal mischief, one for filing a false report, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one on a fugitive from justice warrant.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, two for DUI, one for reckless driving, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for no driver's license, one for no tag, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for running a red light, one for running a stop sign, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for an expired tag, and one for expired driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - River stage - 6.96 feet (6:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (6:23 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (9:04 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Possible burglary and fight at Elba Villas (12:22 a.m.); River stage - 7.41 feet (6:15 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (5:14 p.m.); Alarm at Skinner Furniture (5:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - River stage 7.21 (6:37 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a house fire on Old Sanson Road (6:33 p.m.); Fight reported on Cedar Lane Drive (8:49 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - River stage - 6.95 feet (6:20 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a wreck on Martin Luther King Drive (5:46 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to Mullins Apts. (5:59 a.m.); Possible burglary reported in Powell's Trailer Court (6:14 a.m.); River stage - 6.78 feet (6:58 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Court and Davis streets (11:15 a.m.); Wreck reported on East Davis Street (3:50 p.m.); Elba Rescue dispatched to wreck on East Davis Street (3:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (11:38 p.m.).

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 2, 1999, through February 8, 1999. They were: Hollis Wicker, Allie Nelson, Nell Clemmons, Ruby Heath, Claude Gully, Judy Mae Wilson, Hiram Williams, Abby Olive, Minnie Boyd, Jimmy Zeb Scott, W. B. Baldwin, Bobby Crowell, Louise Jernigan, Annie Tyson, Nathaniel Flowers, Bertha Coleman, Ollie Taylor, Virginia C. McGowan, Scott Killingsworth, John Dillard, and Myrtle Killingsworth. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Bertha Coleman, Myrtle Killingsworth, William Parrish, Hollis Wicker, The Pearl Tyson, Bobby Crowell, Annie Jean Tyson, John E. Williams, Zedie Johnson, Alene Lee, Jimmy Davis, Edgar Boyette, Helen Bolling, Twintee Campbell, Judy Mae Wilson, Hiram Williams, Martha Lee, Claude Gully, Alberta Martin, Damon Thompson, Minnie Boyd, Judy Wilson, Abby Olive, Essie Bell, Beverly Dawson, Gidget Chinn, Nathaniel Flowers, W. B. Baldwin, Nell Clemmons, Louise Jernigan, Shawana Adams, Ida Mauldin, Patricia Watson, and Katie Johnson.

NOTICE

Visitor Restriction at Elba Nursing Home A visitor restriction has been enforced at the Elba Nursing Home, according to Ellen Briley, administrator. Due to widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, there will be no nurse visiting until further notice. No children are allowed. All visitors MUST report to the nurses station for further instructions, and everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin

Please consider this to be an open letter to the Elba community.

This year's Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Benefit is scheduled for March 6, 1999 at the Senior Citizens Center, here in Elba.

During the next three weeks we will be soliciting contributions of cash and merchandise from Elba businesses and merchants in support of this event. All contributors will receive complimentary tickets to the pancake breakfast. The support received has been most generous over the few years I have lived in this area. I can assure you this support is well received and sincerely appreciated by the Elba Lions Club as well as those who are the ultimate recipients of the proceeds of this event. We well understand that flooding of downtown businesses has taken a toll on the merchants. To this end we wish all so impacted a speedy recovery to better times and encourage you to continue to support our fund raising activities as in years past.

The Elba Lions Club is a small club, with 18 currently active, dedicated members. We are a part of Lions International, the largest service oriented such club in the world. Our efforts are dedicated to serving our community, and humanity as a whole, primarily in the area of vision impairment. We ask nothing more than to serve; our reward

being the satisfaction that we have made a difference, however small.

Our major fund raising effort each year is the Pancake Day Benefit Breakfast. Our other major effort over the past three years has been as the sponsor for a Coffee County Coon Hunter's Association event in the late fall. Our administrative and operating costs are paid from members dues. All funds generated from our fund raising benefits are distributed to others in need who cannot afford certain required services. The \$5,000 generated during the past year from our fund raising activities was budgeted and distributed in the following manner: \$1,750 - Alabama Sight; \$1,000 - Local Sight Projects; \$500 - Southeast Guide Dog School; \$750 - Camp Seale Harris (for diabetic children); \$100 - Alabama Lions Baseball Program; \$150 - Alabama High School Camp; \$350 - Reserve for contingency purposes. This is where the funds went!

In the aftermath of the March flood, we applied to Lions International for a special \$10,000 grant for flood recovery assistance. This was approved and these funds were distributed to several hundred needy families and individuals in a cooperative venture with WAL-MART (Enterprise). The Elba Lions Club issued vouchers that were honored by WAL-MART, specifically for food and clothing

items. During this period of financial need, we also received a \$1,000 contribution from the Montgomery, AL Lions Club and an additional \$1,000 individual contribution from Lion Robert J. Gholston.

Please support your Elba Lions Club in its fund raising endeavors. Join us at the Senior Citizens Center on the 6th of March for a fine pancake breakfast, and take pride in knowing that through your generosity you have helped someone or some less fortunate family, to enjoy a better quality of life.

Yours in Lionism,
Sincerely,
C.E. (Gene) Eastburn
President, Elba Lions Club (98-99)

EXPRESS
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WRITE A
LETTER TO
THE EDITOR

County Landmark victim of the times and government regulations

by Linda Hodge

Smart's Grocery served the community of Jack for 38 years, but it now remains only in the memories of those who loved it.

The store recently was torn down leaving only a vacant lot in its place.

Roxie Smart, manager of Smart's Grocery, said they decided to tear the store down after ADEM required new regulations for gas tanks. She said ADEM gave stores selling gas one of two choices when the new regulations became effective.

"They said everyone would either have to upgrade the tanks to meet the new standards or destroy them," said Smart. "We decided to destroy ours."

As she looks back on the years now, she said all she can say about the history of the store is that it has always been Smart's Grocery.

Her husband, Leon Smart started the store in 1961 and managed it until his death in 1996. Through the years, customers have been able to buy items such as gas, oil, groceries, drinks and tobacco products at Smart's Grocery. Even though customers were able to purchase

their tobacco products at the store, Smart said they honored regulations and did not sell the products to minors.

And just as the faces of the customers were familiar to them, the customers knew who to expect as they entered the front door. Siburne Moblin, Smart's sister, was the clerk at the store for many years.

"It's been a pleasure to run the store and serve the community all these years, but times have changed," said Smart. "People just don't recognize the small country stores the same anymore."

She said she could remember when their small grocery store had three bread suppliers to check with them regularly, but it hasn't been like that in quite a few years. These days, she said it seems as if people tend to go to the big grocery stores or stores like Wal-Mart for a bigger variety to meet their needs.

"We certainly miss the school kids," Smart said. "They were always coming in and out of the store."

She said it was a great feeling being across from the Zion Chapel School and serving as a place for the kids to go when they got out of school.



As a sign of their appreciation for the kids and the school, Smart said they donated equipment from the store to the school when they closed.

Richard Littleton, principal of Zion Chapel High School, said the donation was in the form of coolers and freezers that were in the grocery store.

"We certainly appreciate the items and will be putting them to use in several different ways," he said. "It will be a reminder to us of the importance in what Smart's Grocery has done for the schools and the community of Jack throughout the years."

Littleton added that the coolers

AREA DEATHS

ALFRED ADKISON

Mr. Alfred Adkison, age 66, Rt. 1, New Brockton died Feb. 6, 1999 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9, 1999 at Bethany Baptist Church with Rev. Lane Harris and Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Jeannette Adkison, New Brockton; three daughters: Jean Donaldson, New Brockton; Margie Shafer, Tampa, Fla.; and Melinda Hodge, Elba; two sons: Max Adkison, Troy; and Billy Adkison, Brantley; two sisters: Louise Purvis and Flora Barnes, both of Enterprise; his mother-in-law: Emma Waldon; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sincerely,
C.E. (Gene) Eastburn
President, Elba Lions Club (98-99)

LEO C. ANDERSON

Mr. Leo C. Anderson, 87, of Detroit, Mich., died Jan. 23, 1999.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., with Rev. Kenneth J. Flowers officiating. Burial followed in United Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Plymouth, Mich., with Wilson-Akins Funeral Homes directing.

Survivors include a brother: J.C. Anderson and daughter, New York; cousins: Mrs. Billie Joe Anderson, New York; Mrs. Julia Anderson,

New York; Mrs. Katharine Anderson, New York; Mrs. Sarah Anderson, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Eria Belcher, Elba; Mrs. Jeanette Weeks, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Winston, Lithonia, Ga.; James McMillian, Detroit, Mich.

ROBERT RUFUS "RUDY" MANN

Mr. Robert Rufus "Rudy" Mann, age 53, of Elba, died Feb. 5, 1999 at Elba General Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Syble Smith Mann, and father, Douglas A. Mann.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Brande Mann, Elba.

ELOISE B. SCROGGINS

Mrs. Eloise B. Scroggins, age 64, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., died Feb. 8, 1999. She was a victim of Parkinson's Disease.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday, Feb. 11) at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Ft. Walton Beach, with Dr. Howard L. Gates officiating. Interment follows in the Beal Memorial Cemetery, with McLaughlin Mortuary directing.

Survivors include her mother and

step-father, Carvie and Glen Abernombie, Elba; husband: Charles H. Scroggins; sons and daughters-in-law: Thomas and Janice Scroggins, Warner Robins, Ga.; Jeff and Dory Scroggins, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law: Melissa and Tracy Bumpers, Houston, Tex.; daughter: Jennifer Scroggins, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; brothers and sisters-in-law: Sammy and Carolyn Boswell, Troy; Jim and Mary Jo Boswell, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; sister: Doris Mallory, Elba; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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Hog producer payment program is explained to area producers

Producers qualify for the direct cash payments if they (1) marketed fewer than 1,000 hogs during the last six months of 1998, and (2) are still in operation. Two restrictions apply. First, producers are not eligible for payments on hogs marketed under fixed-price or cost-plus contracts. Second, any operation whose gross income for 1998 was greater than \$2.5 million will not be eligible for payments.

Eligibility is based on marketings during the last six months of 1998 to avoid distorting current marketings. The six month period also accommodates the marketing practices of small producers who may not market hogs every week or month, but who need help to weather the current economic crisis.

Producers will be paid up to \$5 per slaughter-weight hog (or \$180 for feeder pigs) multiplied by the number of hogs marketed during the last six months of 1998. The actual payment may be less than \$5, given the limited amount of funding available under law. Producers will only be paid on up to 500 market hogs (or an equivalent number of feeder pigs), so the maximum payment that will be paid to any operation is \$250,000.

Payments will be made through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) local offices. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 12, FSA will conduct a sign-up for the payment program. During the sign-up period, producers will be required to apply for the program at their local FSA office.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Scott and Mr. Eagerton plan March wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Scott of Alexander City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Candelyn Hope, to Joey Edwin Eagerton.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Gladys Moncreiff and the late Mr. Kenneth Oliver and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Alexander City.

Candelyn graduated from Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City in 1992. Following high school, she attended Central Alabama Community College where she earned an Associate of Arts Degree, and she is a 1997 graduate of Troy State University's School of Nursing. She is a RN, BSN and an AFAA certified aerobics instructor and is employed in Troy.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eagerton of Enterprise and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Schloemer of Troy. He is the grandson of Mrs. Onyx Tillman and the late Mr. Alvie Eagerton of New Hope and Mrs. Irene Grant and the late Mr. Parker Grant of Elba.

Joey is a 1994 graduate of Enterprise High School, and he graduated from Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training. He is currently working on his Masters of Business Administration at Troy State University.

The wedding will be an event of March 20 at 5 p.m. at Park Memorial Church in Troy. All family and friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception which will follow at the Holiday Inn in Troy.



Miss Scott & Mr. Eagerton

The Damascus Homemakers Club sponsoring barbecue

The Damascus Homemakers Club is sponsoring a barbecue plate sale. Plates are \$5 each and may be picked up at the Damascus Senior Center on Feb. 13 from 3 p.m. until.

Chapter # 2534 United Daughters of the Confederacy to hold Special Luncheon

The Gen. Edmond W. Rucker Chapter #2534 of The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold a special luncheon meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Citizens Bank community room in Enterprise.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Chances of the Col. William C. Oates Camp No. 809 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A ceremony will be conducted to award three World War II Crosses of Military Service and the Korean Service Cross. These decorations will be bestowed on three veterans who are direct lineal descendants of a Confederate veteran.

Anyone wishing to attend the luncheon or desiring information about the UDC may contact Shirley Edberg (894-6120) or Lavonia Helms (347-6150).

Mary Weed Legg to be honored on 90th birthday

The children, grandchildren and great-children of Mary Weed Legg would like for you to join them for the celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, February 13, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Brantley Baptist Church, Brantley, Alabama. Ushers were Collin and Brandon Buteaux, nephews of the groom. The Buteaux's honeymooned in the Fiji Islands.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!



Mr. and Mrs. Shane Buteaux

Buteaux-Lowrey wedding held September 26th

Danon Michelle Lowrey and Shane Buteaux were married Sept. 26, 1998, at five-thirty in the afternoon at Elba First Baptist Church, with Dr. Robert M. Paul officiating. A reception followed at the Ft. Rucker Officers Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conway Lowrey Jr. of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr.



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AARP to meet Tuesday, February 16th

The Elba AARP Chapter will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Sr. Citizens Center. A covered dish dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the program, 6:30-7:00.

Guest speaker will be Barbara Turner, supervisor of Adult Services, Coffee Co. Dept. of Human Resources. She will discuss "what to do when..." which will include many concerns of senior citizens in Coffee County.

New members are welcome. For more information call 897-6890.

Dr. and Mrs. M.V. Miles to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. M.V. Miles will host a Tea on Feb. 14, 1999 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast in honor of the couple's 50th Wedding Anniversary. No gifts are requested, and all friends and relatives are invited.



ALFRED AND JEANETTE ADKISON of New Brockton, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their children, on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at Bethany Baptist Church. Approximately 75 friends and relatives attended. Pictured from left to right: 1st row: Jeanette and Alfred Adkison-honorees; 2nd row: L to R: Billy and Ann Adkison, Melinda Hodge, Jean and Robert Donaldson, Marge & Jack Shafer and Max Adkison.

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Johns Chapel plans Black History Month Program

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, along with Methodist, Side Community, will celebrate Black History Month with a Health Fair/Art Display on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the church.

Free health care services will be provided, including: blood pressure, hearing, visual ear care, vision screening, glaucoma - cataract testing, and there will be health displays, exhibits and other services, as well as art and music.

Mustard Seed Foundation News

The Mustard Seed Foundation Church will hold a gospel singing on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Care of Alzheimer Patients forum and conference to be held

A free community-wide forum and conference on the Care of Alzheimer Patients in Rural Communities will be held at Enterprise State Junior College on March 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Key topics to be addressed include the basics of Alzheimer's disease, legal and ethical issues, family/caregiver education, end of life issues and the future of Alzheimer's disease. Reservations are required. For more information, contact the ESJC Development Office at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 226.

Church of God of Prophecy to hold revival services

The Elba Church of God of Prophecy will hold revival services on Feb. 14 - 17. Times will be 5 p.m. Sunday service, and 7 o'clock during week nights.

TSUD announces Dean's List

Area students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the 1998 Fall Quarter at Troy State University. Dothan. Students making the Dean's List

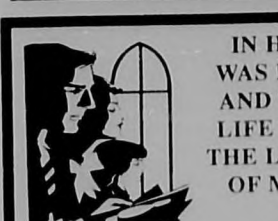
were Derrek Stevens, Elba and Sherri Nobles, Kinston.

President's List was Melissa Dunn, New Brockton.

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Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy J. Redd, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Tutton, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p.m.

Faith Chapel Community Church
Danny Sherer, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:15 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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***Scripture: Romans 13:1-14

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***William English - Birthday - Feb. 8

***The annual Matron and Mission Day will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor; theme: John 15:12, music by guest choir, Greater New Zion Baptist Church; welcome - Sis. Estella Lawrence; solo - Sis. Pam Mitchell; Pledges - Sis. Cora McBride and Sis. Carolyn Hunter; sermon - Rev. W.L. Peterson

***Benefit Program for Bro. Nathan Williams, bass guitar player of Singing Angels of Eufaula, will be held at Eufaula Baptist Center, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., sponsored by Rev. G. Gordon and Mrs. A. Gordon. All groups, choirs, soloists and churches invited. For more information contact 334-687-9846.

***Annual Ushers Day Celebration will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p.m.; Scripture: Psalm 56:4; Sunday School - 9:30; regular service 11 a.m.; lunch; afternoon program - devotional, visiting officers, Trinity Baptist Church Choir will render music; welcome - Bro. Melvin

Cross, occasion - Bro. Federal Barnes, Ushers Pledge - Sis. Maryetta Carpenter; reading - Sis. Patricia Carpenter; speaker - Rev. J.G. Chatham, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Troy

***Black History: 1926 - Negro History Week originated by Carter G. Woodson, is observed for first time.

1913, Feb. 4 - Rosa Parks, initiator of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, is born.

1986: The U.S. Postal Service issues a commemorative stamp honoring Sojourner Truth.

1990, Feb. 11 - Nelson Mandela is released from a South African prison after being detained for 27 years as a political prisoner.

1817 - Feb. 14 Frederick Douglass, "the Great Emancipator," is born.

1894 - Feb. 14 - musician Mary Lucinda Cardwell Dawson is born in Madison, N.C.

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Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CAINAKI BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert M. Waters, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS
Jimmie Bryan, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Driver-Interim Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Otto Hagles, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:15 p.m.

MILBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. R. Williams, Minister
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seaves
Sunday Morning Service... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School... 10 & 11 a.m.
Sunday Even... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Culon Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

NEW ERENZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Amingo, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Billy Paul McCullough
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.



TEEN EXPLOSION, featuring "Images Creative Group," will appear in concert at Whitewater Baptist Church Friday, Feb. 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The group combines comedy, music, speaking, and drama to portray biblical principles with a contemporary relevance. All are youth 7th through 12th grades are invited; all churches, all denominations. The concert is free, sponsored by Whitewater Youth, and will be followed by a "Sub Sandwich Blast." For more information call 897-6458 or 897-3880.

Harris Temple to celebrate pastoral anniversary

Harris Temple COGIC will celebrate the seventh pastoral anniversary for Pastor W.K. Ellison and wife, Sister Sonia Ellison, on Feb. 21, at 3:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Supt. W.R. Hughes. Everyone is invited.

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<p>CHURCH</p> <p>Walter Faulk, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Even. Serv... 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</p> <p>Ron Stallard, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>J. C. Turner, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>John J. Johnson, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</p> <p>Lorrell Flowers, Minister</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>J. R. Parks, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WHITWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Rev. Danny Maddox, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>Rev. Keith Price, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WISE MIAMI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>Kenneth Hagler, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</p> <p>A. R. Williams, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST</p> <p>Rev. Alfred Ikner, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>ROKTON BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WAGGON CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</p> <p>Mike Medley, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>SHADY GROVE AME</p> <p>Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Praise Service Mon... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Rev. Raymond Miller, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Larry Wise, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ZOAK COMMUNITY CHURCH</p> <p>Nathan Johnson, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Pastor Billy Paul McCullough</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Harley Caldwell, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p>

SCHOOLS

Eighth Grade Literature

by Carissa Walker
Mrs. Michele Templin's eighth grade classes are working on their nine weeks project.
Every nine weeks each class reads a novel and completes a project dealing with the novel. This usually counts for 30 percent of their grade for the nine weeks.

One class is reading *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and the other is reading *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Neil. The students have approximately 20 days to read the book and complete the project information. The project consists of the students writing a summary, picking out an important event, and either illustrating the summary or developing a puzzle of some kind involving information about the novel.

Mrs. Templin tries to pick modern novels that have won the Newbery Award so that the students will be exposed to award winning young adult literature.

FHA/HERO Week Decorations

by Angie Laney
The FHA/HERO club decorated the Home Ec. department recently in order to get ready for FHA/HERO Week, which will be held Feb. 8-14, 1999.

The decorations put up were pink and red hearts. Also, there was a bulletin board made by the members of Ms. Hobbs' sixth period class and is displayed in the classroom. The bulletin board reads "FHA Loves Its Members." The board has red hearts that have each member's name on them. These hearts will be taken down during FHA Week and be put on gummy bags for the members.

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Friday - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	

LUNCH	
Monday - Presidents' Day	Tuesday - Sausage Pizza, Turkey Salad, Tossed Salad, Vegetable Stix, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Meat Loaf, Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk	Thursday - Barbecue Sandwich, Sloppy Joes, Oven Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, Fruit Pie, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Steak Fingers, Baked Potato, Stir Fry Veggies, Okra, Fruit, Rolls, Milk	

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Can You Guess Who They Are?



The long and short of the story can be seen in this picture from several years ago. Can you guess the names of these young men who are members of the class of 1999. The short part of the story is no longer the short part—it is now longer than the long part of the story.

Z. C. Elementary School Honor Roll

Keyed for THE REBEL NEWS
by Paige Hudson

"A" HONOR ROLL
First Grade: Lee Acreman, Alex Archie, Savannah Ballew, Enrico Belvin, Weston Brown, Xavier Clark, Jennifer Cook, Hillary Davis, Tara Davis, Corey Gainey, Hayden Gibson, Tanner Grant, Nicole Holloway, Logan Leverett, Heather McCollough, Nicole Napper, Josh Richards, David Roberts, Zachary Senn, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Joey White

Second Grade: Lindsey Amlong, Kirsten Collins, Caitlin Grissett, Kelly Hatcher, Emily Kelley, Drew Little, Cristen Patterson, Amber Powell, Sierra Senn, Clara Smith, Kyle Tankersley, Justin Winters

Third Grade: Brittany Cardwell, Cassandra Cole,

Brittany Dismukes, Jon Fuller, Sheena Hussey, Jessi Johnson, John Wayne Lambert, Brittany Layton, Luke Peters, Rod Rider, Jone Simmons, Brooke Stinson, Brittany Terry, Hunter Walden, Caitlin White, Harry White

Fourth Grade: Todd Grant, Tiffany Lipiot, Ashley Parrish, Ethan Price, Jennifer Taylor, Matthew Williams

Fifth Grade: Courtney Dykes, Chris Fuller, Keri Hobbs, Lindsay Leverett, Dale (D.J.) Stinson

"B" HONOR ROLL
First Grade: Nathaniel Bagwell, Timothy Brown, Sierra Bush, Heather Carter, Bernita Clark, Nathaniel Cox, Dillon Davis, Hannah Donn, Zachary Evans, Zachary Gilbert, Logan Hall, Justin Hammon, Henry Haynes, Heather Hines, Marlana Hood, Leah Johnson, Lila Johnson, Kevin Little, Shelby Minton, Erika Mount, Johnna Myers, Shane Nelson, Landan Peters, Zachary Sawyer, Victoria Stockman, Lance Walden

Second Grade: Ethan Arnold, Cory Carter, Savannah Cole, Kati Edwards, Haley Ellis, Joshua Gilbert, Makaylah Hodge, Ronald McBride, B.J. McLeod, Ethan Mount, Courtney Nelson, Steven Petry, Ashley Quattlebaum, Zachary Stephens, Robby Thrash, Leana Vinson

Students' Most Embarrassing Moments

by Carissa Walker & Kendra Ward

"My most embarrassing moment was in the first grade. We were playing on the playground, and I was going down the slide and my pants got stuck on a nail and it ripped them. Everyone laughed, and I had to walk all the way to the office with a big rip in my pants. To top the embarrassment off I had the wrong day of the week written on my pants." - Mallorie Besole.

"My most embarrassing moment happened at my church Homecoming Sunday. I got out of the car to carry the food to the fellowship hall for the dinner after church. The next thing I knew I heard my mother say, 'Oh Lord! I looked down to find my skirt at my ankles. The zipper had come unzipped. By the time church started everyone knew including the visitors. At least I had on a slip.' - Heather Arnold

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was in the 7th grade. It was my first homecoming pep rally as a cheerleader. We'd get the cheer (ironically, it was "We've got the power to knock you out"), and everything was going great. They put me up in a half extension, and on the last time, as we said "knock you out," I was supposed to fall backwards into the arms of the cheerleaders behind me. Well, I did, and then as they were bringing me back up, I just kept going until I landed right on my face. I just lay there for a few minutes until my face turned a few shades lighter. I was so humiliated! - Sarah Maddox

"I was practicing basketball and I was going to be all big and bad and dunk. Well, I managed to dunk, but while still holding on to the goal, my hands slipped and I fell flat on

my back. I jumped up hoping that nobody had noticed but everyone was laughing." - Junior Jones
"I was playing basketball with my brother and a bunch of friends. One of the guys and I were fighting and he picked me up by my ankles. Unfortunately, I was wearing jogging pants and they came up. The whole neighborhood had arrived by this time. I was so embarrassed." - Cristy Houston

"It was the last day of school before Christmas break and I was showing a little Christmas spirit by dancing on the table. A fellow student got the bright idea to pull my pants down. Can you say humiliating?" - Ryan Leverett
"I was at the theater to see 'I Still Know What You Did Last Summer' when I was in a rated R movie. I was worried that they would ask me for

some I.D. because I do not look 17. I walked up to the window on my tiptoes but dropped back down to my feet and said "One for seven, please." As I handed the ticket girl my license. I was so confused. The girl tried to joke around with me and ask if I was 17 but I got my ticket and hid." - Michelle McIntosh
"I was at home and noticed that there were a few ants on the wall. I got what I thought was ant spray from the cabinet and sprayed those bad boys. An hour later I realized the ant spray had stained the wall and eaten through the polyurethane. I got the can of ant spray to read about the "side effects" and realized I had attacked the ants with cold cream to explain to my mom that it really was an accident." - Alisha Walker

Rebel News Briefs

CAMPUS BEAUTIES

Zion Chapel held its annual Campus Beauty pageant in the high school auditorium on Jan. 30. There were four different categories. They included grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The new Little Beauty is Leana Jordan Vinson. The winner of the Elementary Beauty is Kenna Roberts. Whitney Stephens is the new Junior Miss, and the 98-99 Campus Beauty is Jill Stephens. A more in-depth article will be written as soon as the pictures from the pageant are developed. Personal information about the winners and the runner-ups will be included in next week's paper.

ZC ELEMENTARY HAS STUDENT TEACHER

by Kendra Ward
Tara A. Gholsim is the new intern for special education in the elementary school. Ms. Gholsim is a student at Troy State. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education. She is originally from Chattanooga, Florida. Ms. Gholsim enjoys the outdoors, including horseback riding and playing with her pets. She would like to thank the faculty and students at Zion Chapel for making her feel at home during her internship.

ZCES CELEBRATES HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

by Michelle McIntosh
Zion Chapel Elementary School recently recognized its honor roll students in an assembly. One hundred eighty students were in attendance. The parents were also invited to attend. Each honor student was presented a ribbon and a certificate for dinner at Ryan's. After the presentation of awards, students participated in activities and were served punch and cookies. The Zion Chapel faculty would like to thank the parents for their support.

ZC's Enrichment Class



by Alisha Walker
The Enrichment class has been studying what the United States was like in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. The instructor for this class is Ms. Cathy Sawyer. Part of the study was to conduct an interview with someone who lived during that time and could remember things about one of the decades.

Mrs. Wayne Brown, a former teacher at Zion Chapel, came and spoke to the class about what school was like in the 30s, 40s, and 50s. Some students wanted to know what school was like, how much was a movie, how much was a snack, what did people do for entertainment and what were politics like back then. The interviews provided the class with new insight of what happened in the 30s, 40s, and 50s. It also gave them a greater appreciation of what we have today. Pictured above (l-r) are: seated - Joshua Ellis, Chris Fuller, Jon Fuller, Todd Grant, and Erica Lewis; standing - Levi Brown, Megan Johnson, Heather Sanders, and Courtney Dykes.

Rebel Basketball

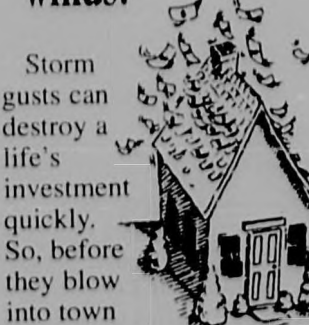
ZC Vs NEW BROCKTON - Varsity Boys

by Josh Faircloth
The Zion Chapel Varsity Boys lost to New Brockton 51-47. The score at the half had the Rebels leading 29-28. The leading scorer for the Rebels was Josh Grantham with 29 points. Chan Grantham added 7 points. Junior Jones and Josh Faircloth had 4 each. Bo Addison contributed 3 points. The Rebels committed 20 team fouls and were 6-10 from the free throw line.

ZC Vs STRAUGHN - Varsity Boys

by Josh Faircloth
The Zion Chapel Varsity Boys hosted the Straughn Tigers. The Rebels won in overtime 48-44. The score at the half was tied 24-24. The leading scorer for the Rebels was Josh Grantham with 23 points. Chan Grantham and Justin Law added 6 each. Bo Addison scored 5. Junior Jones contributed 4 points. Josh Faircloth and Alan Sanders had 2 each. The Rebels committed 17 team fouls and were 9-18 from the free throw line.

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Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gilford

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Lance Boutwell, Lance is an employee at the Elba Recreation Department where he cuts grass and does light maintenance. He is the son of Tim Boutwell and Felicia Crews and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of FCA, VICA, FFA, and a member of the EHS Varsity Football Team. In his spare time he enjoys being with friends, riding around, and playing cards. After graduating, Lance plans to attend Troy State University, but he has not yet decided on a major. We are proud to show this week's co-op spotlight on Lance Boutwell.

XAM Sponsoring Math Competition

Chi Alpha Mu is sponsoring a weekly mathematics competition. A problem, the XAM Poster, is presented on Monday of each week. This problem (problem A for 7-8 grade and problem B for 9-12) is placed on the announcement sheet. Any student may give the solution (in writing) and an explanation of how it was determined to Mrs. King by 3:00 on Friday. All correct solutions will be announced the following Monday. At the end of the month, the student or students with the most correct solutions will be recognized as a "math whiz" of the month.

EHS Math-A-Thon To Benefit St. Jude

The math department is again sponsoring the Math-A-Thon program for all interested students. Each year, more than 10,000 students and almost 400,000 students participate in the Math-A-Thon program to bring in more than \$20 million in pledges for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. While this figure is impressive, it is only a fraction of the total annual operating costs of the hospital.

The average cost of treatment for

a single patient during the first year is about \$50,000. Treatment for succeeding years drop to an annual cost of \$19,000. A typical treatment pattern is usually continued for an average of two and a half years. St. Jude Hospital is the largest pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of childhood catastrophic diseases. It is non-sectarian and open to children on a physician referral basis without regard to race, religion, creed or financial status. All

treatment costs, beyond any that might be reimbursed by health insurance, are paid from public contributions raised from events like Math-A-Thon. Math-A-Thon is a meaningful fun activity for students. It is the largest educational program which has been designed with the advice and assistance of professional educators, math teachers and curriculum specialists. Students work math problems in special Funbooks provided by St. Jude Hospital. The goal of Math-A-Thon is to present a quality program for students which also benefits the life saving research of children's catastrophic diseases at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Opinions On Impeachment

History is in the making in US Politics as President Clinton is only the second President to be impeached and placed on trial for the right to stay in the oval office. Since this is such a major event in history the editors of the Tiger Tales staff thought it would be interesting to learn how the students feel about the impending issue.

Emily Brian - "I am sick of hearing about it."
Julie Roberson - "I think he should resign."
Angie Crocker - "If Clinton has indeed lied, I think he should have to suffer the consequences."

Carmie Kelley - "I would rather not hear about it anymore."
Eric Martin - "I am tired of hearing about it but I believe that he should remain in office."

John Buchanan - "I think he should be removed from office."
Benjamin Dye - "If I was married to Hillary I would probably be impeached too."

Heather Hayes - "I don't think that we are setting a good example for today's youth so I believe that the senate should remove him from office."
Freddie Mallory - "I think he should resign."

Terrance Kyles - "They are making too big of a deal about it."
Jawane Hughes - "They should just let the man stay in office."
Derrick Duncan - "He has made a voluminous amount of progress for the country's economic and gross value, therefore I can not denounce him for his extracurricular activities."

FFA Chapter Kicks Into High Gear

by Phil Schindler
Well, it is that time of year again. It is time for the Elba chapter FFA to kick it into high gear. Local county contests are beginning to take place, with the land judging contest already finalized. The four participating teams from Elba secured a third place showing. The livestock judging, forestry judging, and tractor driving competitions will be held at the county level on March 10.

Among other news, the FFA's new t-shirt for this year arrived Monday, Jan. 25. All FFA members

are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt which will be worn on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

On Feb. 2, directly after school, there FFA held the annual Adopt-A-Mile program with a cook-out later in the evening. All FFA members were encouraged to attend and enjoy themselves. Lastly, there is the steak dinner which the FFA advisor for Elba High School, Jacob Davis, honors the FFA members whom sold 15 boxes or more of fruit in the yearly fruit sell.

Tiger Tales



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Block Schedule Revisited

by Lance Boutwell
The semesterized eight block schedule is a non-traditional student and staff schedule based on offering each student four ninety-six minute classes per day. The master schedule is built as an eight period schedule with periods offered through four meeting first semester and five through eight meeting second semester. Students schedule their courses so that two of the academic core required classes are taken each semester. Block scheduling allows students to focus more on two or three academic subjects at a time. It also allows for more in-depth concentration and mastery before studying another two or three subjects during the next semester.

The semesterized block schedule provides differing time formats to meet instructional needs of students. It promotes an instructional format which encourages the use of a variety of instructional methods. Block scheduling also provides a more extensive program. Students have an opportunity to take more classes (32 instead of 24 or 28) and take a wider variety of courses. It creates extended lab time in science, computer application, keyboarding, home economics, physical training, and music. It also allows students and teachers to have a fresh start at the mid-point of the school year.

Block scheduling decreases student and teacher work load with students only having four classes and teachers instructing three classes per semester. It also allows teachers to have more planning. Block scheduling allows students to study for less classes at one time. Students have more time to prepare for sports and other activities, reducing stress for both teachers and students.

The block scheduling has helped out for both students and teachers. The grades for most students have gone up. The block schedule has changed it all around since the seven period day.

Elba Elementary School Menu

FEB. 15 - 19, 1999

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday - Presidents' Day	Tuesday - Pancakes	Monday - President's Day	Tuesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on the Cob
Wednesday - Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Biscuits	Wednesday - Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Slice, Cereal, Juice, Pudding, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk		Friday - Corn Dog, Turnips, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk	

Business Ed Advisory Committee Meets

The Elba High School Business Education Advisory (Craft) Committee met in the home economics department on January 26, 1999 from 5:30 until 6:15 p.m. The meeting began with a prayer by FBLA president, Leslie Stinson. Lakia Walker, FBLA treasurer, offered welcoming statements to the group. Lakia also thanked the group for coming and giving of its time and input. Mr. Danny Weeks, principal, was also on hand to welcome the group. Mrs. I Clark then introduced members of the committee: Amy Danner, Dorsey Trailers; Shaiketha Edwards; Dorsey Trailers; Scott Kelley, Kelly Foy; Teresa Kelley, Peoples Bank; and Mary Helen Robinson, Elba City Hall. LaShawn Coleman, National Security, was absent.

Aubrette Williams, secretary of FBLA, who has begun her business course of study this year by taking keyboarding applications from Mrs. I Clark, came before the committee and stated, "I have learned to key letters, announcements, memorandums, reports, tables, envelopes, etc."

She stated that this skill would help her to be able to key assignments in other classes. Leslie Stinson reported to the group that she had taken courses from Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Crawford, keyboarding application, and word processing/desktop publishing, respectively. She stated that the skill she gained from these courses will "help me in the future as I type my research reports, application letters, resumes, and other required documents on the job or while in college." She stated that the business education department at EHS is a valuable part of the total school.

Mrs. Clark then explained the purpose of the meeting which was to inform committee members about the status of the department's industry certification requirements. She reminded the group about the main purpose which is to act as an "advisory body." She stated that this committee would need to continue to offer information on employment needs, trends, placement, and job standards. She invited them to serve as guest speakers in the classes or during an FBLA

meeting. Mrs. Crawford then came forward and told the group about the importance of industry certification. She said that it includes a seven-step process: (1) plan development (2) staff development (3) documentation (4) self-evaluation (5) on-site evaluation (6) certification and (7) renewal.

Mrs. Clark then solicited comments from the committee members. Scott Kelley discussed the software that the BE department and his company are using. He said that they were basically the same office software and that was good. Amy Danner commented about student workers and office etiquette. Teresa Kelley stated that several of our students have been employed at the bank. All members also gave positive comments about the BE department and the school. Each member present received a mug filled with special treats from the BE teachers as a gesture of appreciation. The meeting was adjourned so that the members could tour the business department and take pictures.



50 POINT CLUB... The members of the accelerated reader 50 point club (those who have earned at least 50 points from reading books) pose for a picture in the Elba Elementary School Library. Not only does each student receive points to spend in the Accelerated Reader Book Store, but also a bumper sticker, homework pass and his or her name posted outside the library door on a huge 50 point club ribbon. Although every member is not pictured, these second through six graders have worked to earn their place in the 50 point club.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie celebrated her tenth birthday last week, and I guess she really is growing up since she told us she wanted clothes for her present from Mom and Dad. We let her pick out a pair of jeans and two shirts, and later gave in and let her get a new game for her Nintendo and a new backpack for school. I'll admit the clothes looked good, but getting the game let Dad know there is still some of his little girl still around for him to hug.

ELBA TIGERS WIN OPENER IN AREA TOURNAMENT

It took a while longer than anyone expected, but the Elba Tigers battled hard for all four quarters Friday night and escaped the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 3 tournament with a 51-47 win over the Slocomb Red Tops. The Tigers had clobbered the Red Tops twice during the regular season and were expected to do so again in the tournament, but the Red Tops entered the game on a three-game winning streak and played to win against the highly-favored Tigers. The key to the Elba win was the inside play of Tim Ware and Mark Wicker, and the outside shooting of Eric Jordan and Wayne Reed. Ware came to life in the third quarter and sparked an Elba rally that put the Tigers on top, while Wicker scored nine straight points over a span late in the third quarter and early in the final stanza that really put the Tigers ahead to stay. Jordan and Reed both hit some shots from outside that loosened up the Slocomb defense and allowed Ware and Wicker room to operate, and the four all scored in double figures in the hard-fought win. The balanced scoring was a welcome sight for the Tigers, who late in the season dropped four of their final five games, and seemed content to let Tim Ware score all the points. If all the Tigers can score, they could have a solid shot at making a trip to Troy State for the Regional Tournament.

LADY TIGERS SEE GALLANT EFFORT FALL SHORT IN O.T.

The Elba Lady Tigers lost the battle, but may have won the war Friday night in a heart-breaking 57-46 overtime loss to the Slocomb Lady Red Tops. The Lady Tigers had been pounded by Slocomb in both meetings during the regular season and appeared headed for another lopsided loss after falling behind 20-4 in the first quarter. However, this time the Lady Tigers fought back and actually had some chances to win before suffering the loss. The Elba players never once gave up despite the early deficit, and proved to everyone that they were indeed a team to reckon with in girls basketball in the 3A level for years to come. It was also great to see the Elba fans standing and cheering when the Lady Tigers made their fourth quarter rally that sent the game into overtime. You would have thought the Elba Tiger football team was winning a state championship the way the fans were cheering, and that proved the girls have won the hearts of the fans, and have their support. Make no mistake about it, the 1998-99 Elba Lady Tigers have made the sport of girls basketball a "REAL" sport at Elba High!

AREA TEAMS STUMBLE AND FALL IN AREA TOURNAMENTS

The area basketball tournaments opened last week with both boys and girls action, and only one team managed to survive the opening round that was filled with some major upsets. Here's a quick look around...

***NEW BROCKTON. The Gamecocks coasted to an easy win over Georgiana and now appears a solid contender to make a trip to the Regional Tournament. The Gamecocks have upped their win total to 20 games with a late-season surge, and the Gamecocks are getting point production from the entire roster in just about every game. I hate to put the jinx on the Gamecocks, but they are for real and should be fun to watch as the playoffs continue. The Lady Gamecocks were very young, but grew up a lot over the season and had a pretty good 2A club by the end of the year. Losing is never accepted at New Brockton, and you can bet the Lady Gamecocks will be back, and better than ever next season.

***BRANTLEY saw its season come to a shocking end with an opening round loss to Frisco City. The Bulldogs played one of their best games in a big win Monday night over Luverne, but then lost to Greenville in their season finale and were eliminated from the tournament with the loss to Frisco City. Maybe the players up in Brantley will come back next year and be more dedicated to returning the Bulldogs to the top of the 1A basketball world. The Lady Bulldogs had a pretty good team in their first year of competition, and may just challenge the boys in years to come for fan support. The Lady 'Dogs play hard and want to win, which usually go together in a winning program.

***KINSTON saw its disappointing season come to an end with a big loss to Geneva County. The Bulldogs won a couple of games early and appeared to be much better than many thought, but once the losses started to come, they never stopped for the outmanned Bulldogs. Kinston's players worked as hard on the court as any team around, it just wasn't the Bulldogs' year. The Lady Bulldogs posted only one win this season, but played hard every night out and never once looked like losers. Kinston has some of the best young girl athletes around, and you know the Lady Bulldogs will be back, very soon.

***ZION CHAPEL saw a late-season surge fail to carry over to the tourney as the Rebels were blown out in tournament action by Houston Academy. The Rebels were expected to be much improved this season and did win a few games along the way, but they never seemed to have the confidence needed to win a lot of games, and that will only come with winning. The Lady Rebels had a disappointing season, but were young in many spots and should be back and ready to win next season. The Lady Rebs play a very physical brand of basketball, but seem to lack the confidence that is needed to win consistently. It will come with age.

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LITELY

*** I am not an Auburn fan, but I was shocked nonetheless when it was announced that the Tigers had bought their way out of next year's season opener against Florida State. The excuses were many for the Auburn officials, and dealt mainly with concerns about playing ex-Auburn coach Terry Bowden's father Bobby, and the press the game would generate. I wish new coach Tommy Tuberville would just come out and tell the truth, which in my opinion would be that he doesn't want to get pounded in his debut as the Auburn coach, and that he believes that is just what would happen against the Seminoles. If the hiring of Tuberville was supposed to help the "AU" image, last week's buy-out of the Florida State game only makes me wonder just what kind of coach the Tigers really got. C'mon Tommy, you aren't in Oxford anymore!

*** Louisville and Clayton were fined \$500 each and placed on one year's probation last week by the Alabama High School Athletic Association for their actions in a riot that took place at a basketball game earlier in the season. The state officials viewed the video of the game and reported it was easy to see actions that took place during the fight, which was just the opposite of what the county superintendent of education had said he saw on the same tape. It is time the school officials all across the state take a long, hard look at crowd control, and realize that there is a huge difference between fans and students supporting their teams and what has become an almost expected display of unsportsmanlike conduct in the stands. The time is now, or more such riots could occur, and that would mean the loss of fans and program support.

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THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ

With 51-47 win over Slocomb Red Tops

Tigers advance to area final

The Elba Tigers advanced to the finals of the Class 3A, Area 3, Basketball Tournament Friday night with a hard-fought 51-47 win over the Slocomb Red Tops, at the Clayton High School gym.

The win upped Elba's record to 16-10 and also assured the Tigers of a berth in Sub-State action, while the Red Tops ended the season with a 5-19 record.

Elba jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on baskets by Eric Jordan and Wayne Reed, and appeared to have the game in control when a jumper by Reed upped the Tigers' lead to 8-2 with 1:44 left in the opening stanza.

Slocomb scored the final four points of the stanza to cut the Elba lead to 8-6; however, and then scored early in the second quarter to pull even at 8-8 with 7:13 remaining in the stanza.

Three quick Elba buckets put the Tigers back on top 14-8 with 5:37 left in the half, but the Red Tops simply refused to go away and answered with a 6-0 run of their own to catch Elba at 14-14 with 2:49 still remaining.

Another 6-0 run by the Tigers, sparked by Tim Ware and Wayne Reed, enabled Elba to carry a 20-16 lead in at the half, and the Tigers' Tim Ware had a dunk and a driving layup in the early seconds of the third quarter as Elba pulled out to a

24-16 advantage with 7:43 left in the third quarter. A short jumper by Reed gave the Tigers their biggest lead of the game at 30-20 with 5:35 left in the quarter, but Slocomb again answered the Elba challenge and outscored the Tigers 12-2 over the next three minutes to pull even at 32-32 with 2:26 still remaining in the wild third stanza.

A short jumper by Mark Wicker put the Tigers' top 38-36 heading into the fourth quarter, and Wicker scored the first seven points of the final stanza for Elba as the Tigers moved on top 45-39 with 3:53 left in the game.

Slocomb got as close as 47-43 with 1:13 remaining, but the Tigers' Eric Jordan hit four of six free-throw opportunities in the final minute of play as Elba held on to down the pesky Red Tops 51-47.

Eric Jordan scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Tim Ware added 12 and Mark Wicker and Wayne Reed scored 10 points, apiece. Quinton Young led Slocomb with 28 points.

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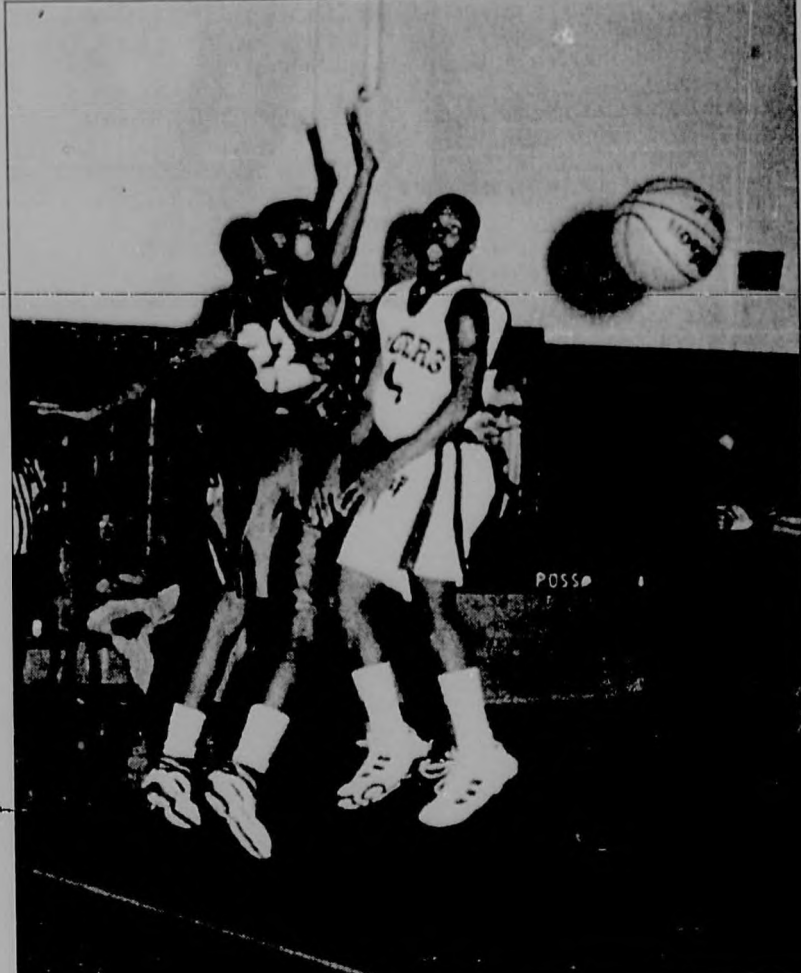
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Elba's Eric Jordan (in white) leaves a Slocomb defender guarding nothing but air after making a last-second pass to a teammate in the Tigers' 51-47 win over the Red Tops, in last week's Class 3A, Area 3 tournament.

Close season with 11-14 record

Lady Tigers fall to Slocomb

in overtime thriller 57-46

The Elba Lady Tigers battled back from an early 20-4 deficit to send the game into overtime, but then ran out of gas and players in the extra period as the Slocomb Lady Red Tops pulled away to claim a 57-46 win, in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 3 Basketball Tournament.

The loss ended the season for the Lady Tigers with a final record of 11-14, while Slocomb improved its slate to 17-6 with the win and advanced the Lady Red Tops to the area finals.

The Lady Tigers battled Slocomb on even terms early on and trailed only 8-4 with 5:13 left in the opening stanza, only to see the Lady Red Tops go on a 12-0 run over the next four minutes to open up a 20-4 advantage with :50 still left in the first quarter.

A long three-pointer by LaGina Mack enabled the Lady Tigers to pull within 21-9 by the end of the stanza, and two quick baskets by Roshanda McKinnon in the second quarter allowed Elba to chop the Slocomb lead to 21-13 with 5:16 left in the half.

Slocomb regained control late in the half and carried a 25-16 lead at intermission, but the Lady Tigers refused to go away, and stunned Slocomb as they opened the third quarter with a 7-2 run to pull within 27-23 with 3:42 left in the quarter.

The Lady Red Tops, which had claimed two lopsided wins over Elba during the regular season, carried a 31-23 lead into the fourth quarter and appeared to be back in command, only to see the Lady

Tigers stage yet another rally and pull within 31-28 with 7:04 left in the period on a three-pointer by Mack.

A three-pointer and a short jumper by Datria Jones gave the Lady Tigers their first lead of the night at 36-35 with 4:10 left on the clock, and Elba moved on top 39-37 with 2:38 remaining when Vaughan Boyd hit two free-throws.

Slocomb scored two quick baskets to regain the lead at 41-39, and led 44-41 with :20 left on the clock after a free-throw, only to see the Lady Tigers send the game into overtime when LaGina Mack hit nothing but net with a long three-pointer with :01 left on the game!

The score was knotted at 46-46 with 3:18 left in the extra period after a short jumper by Roshanda McKinnon; however, the Lady Tigers had three starters foul out during the overtime, and watched as Slocomb hit 11 free-throws and pulled away to claim the exciting overtime victory 57-46.

Elba's LaGina Mack scored 16 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Teleisha Daniels added 10. Quinn Ann Young scored 17 points to lead Slocomb.

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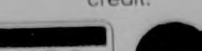
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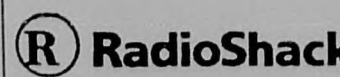
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AREA NEWS

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A reception will follow in the church's Educational Building. All friends and relatives are invited.

Mary Stephens on Dean's List at Montevallo

Mary Stephens of Elba was among more than 295 students making the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Montevallo with at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Pine Level School plans March reunion

Pine Level School will have a reunion March 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old school site. All former teachers and students are urged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be furnished.

For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

Abundant Life to have BBQ

Abundant Life Emmanuel BBQ plates are \$4.50 each and BBQ Boston Butts are \$15 each. For more information, call 897-3778 or 897-5057.

Estes joins Army

James M. Estes has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Enterprise. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Estes, a student at New Brockton High School, will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 1, 1999. He is the son of Mike E. and Alice D. Estes of Rt. 4, Enterprise.

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\$170,000 INTEREST FREE LOAN FROM AEC

City of Elba gets new fire truck

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The City of Elba has a new fire truck, thanks to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding made available through Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC). AEC is the recipient of \$170,000 from USDA Rural Development's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program.

"I'm glad that USDA Rural Development was able to assist the City of Elba in improving their fire protection capability," said Horace H. Horn, Jr., State Director of USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development has partnered with rural electric cooperatives throughout the state to help improve the quality of life of thousands of rural Alabamians."

Horn, along with Jerry Andrews, Craig Cornwell, and Victor Wyatt, visited with Mayor James Grimes and Elba's Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers on Tuesday and presented the mayor and fire chief with the keys to the fire department's new pump.

"The city and fire department have been working diligently since 1990 to improve its fire rating to reduce the insurance costs of businesses and residences in the community," said Mayor Grimes. "Elba has a fire insurance rate classification of 6 at the present with its two major deficiencies being the fire truck pumping capacity and not having a reserve fire truck. "Adding a 1500 gallon-per-minute (GPM) pump and putting the older 500 gpm pump into reserve will meet the 3000 gpm pumping capacity requirement and add a reserve pump to the fire department."

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mented with four (4) pumps (including the new truck) with pumping capacities of 500 gpm, 750 gpm, 1250 gpm, and 1500 gpm, a rescue/backpack pump with a pumping capacity of 750 gpm, a grass fire truck, an equipment vehicle, and a chief's car.

The Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) and its 21 member owners serve rural areas in South and Central Alabama and the Florida panhandle. USDA Rural Development provides loans, grants, and guarantees of commercial credit in rural areas for housing, community development, business projects and utilities. The primary mission of USDA Rural Development is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, grow and improve their quality of life. Information on all programs delivered by USDA Rural Development can be obtained from the Dothan Area Office at (334)793-7819.

The mayor added, "This addition to the fire department and correction of other deficiencies will lower the insurance classification to 5, possibly 4. These ratings are assigned after an inspection by ISO Commercial Risks Services, Inc."

AEC will establish a revolving loan fund with the funds received from USDA Rural Development. They will re-lend \$170,000 to the City of Elba to assist with the purchase of the new fire truck while the city is providing an additional \$34,000 toward the cost of the fire truck.

Both Andrews and Wyatt, who are with AEC, said that the Cooperative is pleased to cooperate with USDA Rural Development and the City of Elba to improve the level of fire protection service available to the citizens and businesses in Elba.

The zero-interest loan to the city will lower insurance costs and help the entire community. Elba has worked hard to overcome the setbacks from recent flooding and has competed with other economic development projects in the United States to secure this funding.

"The city has come a long way from the ISO rating of 10 when we first joined the fire department to the present rating of 6," said Chief Driggers. "And, we won't quit until we have obtained the very best rating possible."

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KEY PRESENTATION TO NEW FIRE TRUCK ... took place Tuesday morning in front of the Elba City Hall. Pictured above are (l-r): Craig Cornwell, USDA-OGC; Jerry Andrews, AEC; Horace H. Horn, Jr., USDA; Mayor James Grimes; Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers; and Victor Wyatt, AEC.

ARREST IN HOUSTON COUNTY PROMPTS MOVE

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The murder trial of one of the two men charged with the robbery/murder of an Enterprise convenience store manager was moved to Elba last week.

Last Wednesday, an unusual heightening of security was noticed at the county courthouse in Elba. The presence of sheriff's deputies as well as police officers and state troopers at all entrances to the courthouse indicated that something out of the ordinary was taking place.

Hand-held metal detectors were used by deputies to scan all persons entering the courthouse and courtroom during the trial.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that the murder trial of Marcus Antonio Jones, 27, had been moved from temporary courthouse facilities in Enterprise to the courthouse in Elba as a precautionary measure so that better security could be provided for the defendant, officers of the court, and the jury. Both parties in the case - defense and

prosecution attorneys - agreed to the change of location.

After the selection of the jury had been made on Monday and Tuesday of last week, it was learned by Enterprise officials in Coffee County that a relative of the victim had been arrested on drug charges in Houston County. That alone is not what got officials' attention, but it was the fact that others items were discovered in the course of searching the relative's residence that prompted local officials to take extra precautions for the trial of Jones.

Law enforcement would not be specific as to what those items were; however, they were thought to be bomb-making materials.

At the conclusion of the trial Saturday, Circuit Judge William (Bill) Barr explained to the members of the jury what had transpired and why the trial had been moved to Elba. He emphasized the fact that at no time during the trial were they or anyone else involved in the trial in any danger but he and other officials

thought it was in the best interest of everyone to take the extra security precautions.

Jones, who is from Daleville, AL, was charged with capital murder in the slaying of Ronald Howard Jenkins.

Jenkins, 41, of Kinsey, AL, was shot in the neck while making a store night deposit at Regions Bank in Enterprise on July 28, 1997. He was robbed of \$13,345.53 (\$6,873.31 in cash, \$3,069.22 in checks, and \$1,403.00 in food stamps) from the Grocery Outlet's night deposit.

During the course of Jones' trial, Kassey Bernard Reedy, 26, of Enterprise, who also faces capital murder charges in the Jenkins murder, testified that it was his idea to rob the grocery store of its night deposit, but that it was Jones who killed the night manager.

According to Jones and his defense attorney, he was being falsely accused and that he was nowhere near the scene of the robbery/murder but was with a girlfriend at the time the incident occurred.

Testimony was offered by a state's witness that Reedy and Jones were seen together just before dark on the evening of the robbery/murder.

An eyewitness to the robbery/murder testified to seeing two men struggling with one another at the night deposit and hearing a "pop." He said that he witnessed a black man between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 8 inches running from the scene. It was noted that Reedy is

approximately 6 feet 3 inches tall while Jones is approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall.

There was later testimony from state's witnesses that Jones was observed with an injury (cut) to his head on the night of the robbery/murder. Testimony also was given that he bought and paid cash (\$1,100.00) for a used BMW in which he left the state and was later arrested in Atlanta, GA. He was unemployed at the time.

An aunt of Jones testified that he told her he had robbed before and would rob again, and even kill if he had to; however, he did not indicate to her who he had robbed.

Both Jones and Reedy were arrested in August of 1997. Jones had to be extradited from Georgia. After three days of testimony and closing arguments by the prosecution and defense attorneys, the 8-woman, 4-man jury found Jones guilty of the lesser offense of murder and not capital murder with which he was originally charged. It took the jury four hours of deliberation to reach their decision.

Judge Barr, at the request of the defense attorneys, ordered a presentencing investigation after which a date will be set for a sentencing hearing. Jones was returned to the Coffee County jail.

According to the judge, Jones faces a possible sentence of 20 to 99 years or life in prison. A capital murder conviction would have meant the death sentence or life in prison without parole.

Two cases involving theft of county funds slowly making way through court

The sentencing hearing will take place in the temporary courthouse in Enterprise.

In an unrelated case, Frances Carter of Samson, AL, who has been indicted on first degree theft charges in connection with missing funds (\$2,876.00) from the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise, has changed her plea to guilty. She too had repaid the missing funds to the Circuit Clerk's office. Her case had been scheduled for the March term of criminal court in the Enterprise Division.

Judge Head has ordered a presentencing investigation of Ms. Carter which will contain information about her personal life, employment record and any past criminal history.

First degree theft is a Class B felony and carries a possible sentence of 20 to twenty years in prison, and/or up to a \$10,000.00 fine.

Family Services Center Grand Opening set for Friday

Coffee County Family Services Center will have its Grand Opening Friday, Feb. 19, with a reception beginning at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Congressman Terry Everett, and there will be refreshments and entertainment.

The Center is located within the Coffee County Health Department on 167 north of Enterprise.

NOTICE
The night deposit (drop box) at Elba City Hall is open for deposits of utility bills. The drive-thru window will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day for payment of utility bills only. All other business is to be conducted inside city hall between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ALERT
Visitor Restrictions at Elba Nursing Home are still in effect

Area Happenings

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 22, 1999, in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

FREE MUSICAL The smash hit musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* will be presented Thursday (TODAY), February 18, at Elba High School Auditorium free of charge. The program is being sponsored as a community service by the National Security Group. For free tickets or more information, call 897-2273, or 1-800-239-2358 Ext. 204 from outside Coffee County.

CPR CLASSES Attention lifeguards and health care professionals! The American Red Cross has scheduled a CPR for the Professional Rescuer Challenge Class 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 20, 1999, at the Soldiers Service Center at Ft. Rucker. The cost is \$15.00 and the class is open to individuals with current but expiring certifications. Call 347-2461 to register before February 19, 1999.

WINTER CARNIVAL The New Brockton Elementary School PTO announces its annual Winter Carnival and extends an invitation to everyone in the community and neighboring communities to attend. The Carnival will be held Friday, February 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center located in New Brockton on U.S. Highway 84.

DISASTER SERVICE CLASSES The Coffee County American Red Cross has scheduled Disaster Service Classes at Ft. Rucker on March 1 (9-12 a.m. & 6-9 p.m.); March 3 (9-12 a.m.); and March 5 (9-12 a.m.). The classes will cover the following topics: Introduction to Disaster (Mar. 1); Mass Care Overview (Mar. 3); and Shelter Operations (Mar. 5). There is no charge for disaster classes but preregistration is required. Call (334)255-1055.

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL The first ever old time County Fair and Sausage Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park located just west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166.